

Fort Settlement Middle School

Current 6th & 7th Grade

Parent Night

Course Selection Information

FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING 2020

Course Selection Schedule

Students will complete the course selection process in the computer labs through their Social Studies classes.

February 10th & 11th

Mrs. Angibeau will visit 6th grade classes

February 12th & 13th

Ms. Kendrick will visit 7th grade classes

Course Selection 2020

**Online Window is open January 21, 2020 – February 21, 2020
Input courses through Skyward Family Access**

Is a Pre-AP Class Right for My Child?

- Pre-AP courses add depth and breadth to the already rigorous grade level curriculum.
- Pre-AP courses are demanding of time. Reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework can be expected. They will need to make sure they are able to balance academic work and extracurricular activities.
- The pacing of some Pre-AP courses is very fast – particularly in Math. If your child generally picks up new concepts quickly, Pre-AP may be a good fit. If your child generally needs more time in order to learn new material, a non-Pre-AP course may be more appropriate for them.

Pre-AP

Is a Pre-AP course right for me?

Are you up for the challenge of Pre-AP?

Pre-AP courses add depth to the already rigorous grade level curriculum. These courses will take a **commitment of strong effort to see success**. A student that has a low work ethic or isn't academically motivated may be more successful in a non-Pre-AP course.

Do you have time to commit to Pre-AP academics?

Pre-AP courses are **demanding of time**. Reading and writing assignments, as well as projects and regular homework can be expected. If you already have commitments on your time from extracurricular activities or other outside of school responsibilities, you will need to make sure you are able to create a balance and make time for your academic work.

At what pace do you learn new material?

The **pace of some Pre-AP courses is very fast**. If you generally pick up new learning quickly, Pre-AP may be a good fit. If you generally need a few interventions before picking up new material, a non-Pre-AP course may be more appropriate for you.

Do you intend to take AP courses/tests when available?

Pre-AP courses are designed to prepare students for the AP courses offered in FBISD. If you are **committed to the study of a subject through HS up to AP level, and hope to take the associated AP test** to try to earn college credit, then Pre-AP is the place for you.

Would your current teacher recommend Pre-AP for you?

Your current teacher knows you and your learning style. You may want to have a conversation with him/her to see what his/her recommendation is for your learning path.

Your **current skill set** and your **motivation** are both important considerations!

What are your grades like in the subjects for which you are considering Pre-AP?

If your **grades in the subject for which you are considering Pre-AP have consistently been very good (85+)** then you are thinking in the right direction. Students that have lower grade averages in a content area, may want to consider staying with the non-Pre-AP course for that content.

What are your STAAR scores like in the subjects for which you are considering Pre-AP?

Students considering Pre-AP for ELA or SS should look at their Reading and Writing STAAR scores. Students considering Pre-AP for Math or Science should look at their Math STAAR scores. Students at or close to a Level 3 score may want to consider PreAP.

Your **current ability** and your **motivation** are both important considerations!

The State of Texas has set high standards for all students through the vertically aligned curriculum for all courses K-12. All courses follow the state curriculum, are rigorous and can be very challenging. Pre-AP courses add another level of depth to the state curriculum. Both non-Pre-AP and Pre-AP courses can lead to college level work before graduation and give students opportunities for growth and learning.

Middle School Pre-AP Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

Pre-AP Sequence (entering at 6th Grade)

5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade	9 th grade
5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade Pre-AP	7 th Grade Pre-AP	Algebra 1 Pre-AP	Geometry Pre-AP

NOTE: If a student is successful in 6th Grade Pre-AP they will move on to 7th Grade Pre-AP.

If a student completes 7th Grade Pre-AP Math with a grade of 75% or greater they will move on to Algebra I Pre-AP.

No Screener will be given in these two cases.

****New as of 2 years ago** - In order to move from 6th Grade Pre-AP to Algebra 1 Pre-AP, students will need to make an 80% or higher on both the 7th Grade CBE and the 8th Grade CBE

Middle School Pre-AP Math Entry Points and Course Sequencing

Entering Pre-AP after 6 th Grade				
5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade	9 th grade
5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade*	7 th Grade Pre-AP	Algebra 1 Pre-AP	Geometry Pre-AP
5 th Grade Math	6 th Grade	7 th Grade**	Algebra 1 Pre-AP	Geometry Pre-AP

*In order to move from 6th Grade to 7th Grade Pre-AP, students will need to meet the identified standard for mastery of curricular content on the District Acceleration Assessment – Grade 7.

** In order to move from 7th Grade to Algebra 1 Pre-AP, students will need to meet the identified standard for mastery of curricular content on the District Acceleration Assessment – Grade 8 or make an 80% or higher on the 8th Grade CBE.

Note: The District Acceleration Assessment is usually given sometime in May. Students who select Pre-AP Math but are currently in an on-level class will be notified of the date in time of the DAA.

Grade 7 Course Selection Sheet

Students should select their level of choice for core courses.

Please make selections carefully. If a student should need a level change, many of the students scheduled classes could change.

One semester of PE and one semester of Health is required for all 7th grade students. Students may select Kickstart if they took Kickstart as a 6th grader.

2020-2021 FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE REQUEST WORKSHEET - GRADE 7

Advisory Teacher:

ID Number:

Name:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Street Address:

Phone #:

City:

Zip:

Parent/Guardian 2:

Telephone:

Phone #:

Birthdate:

Gender:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Required courses: Select an English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Health & Advisory. Students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs.

<u>ELA:</u> ___ EL7211 ELA 7 ___ EL7111 ELA 7 PreAP	<u>MATH:</u> ___ MA7211 Math 7 ___ MA7111 Math 7 PreAP ___ MA211 Algebra I PreAP	<u>SCIENCE:</u> ___ SC7211 Science 7 ___ SC7111 Science 7 PreAP	<u>SOCIAL STUDIES:</u> ___ SS7211 Texas History ___ SS7111 Texas History PreAP
<u>PE: One Semester</u> ___ PH7639 Regular PE 7 ___ PH7640 Kickstart 7 (Prerequisite – Kickstart 6)	<u>HEALTH: One Semester</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PH7638 Health	<u>ADVISORY:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NC0700 Advisory 7	

Grade 7 Course Selection Sheet

Please refer to the Course Guide for a description of the Elective Courses.


The only electives offered at FSMS are listed on this sheet.

There is a \$75 fee for Robotics & Engineering I.

Please number electives in order of preference.
Please list five.

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

Electives: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Use all four numbers. Spaces in electives are limited. A reading, writing or math skills class may be assigned in place of an elective if 6th grade STAAR scores and/or Core Subject grades indicate a need for extra support.

 What Grade 6 Elective did you take? _____

FINE ARTS:

- ___ FA7869 Art I 7
- ___ FA7879 Art II 7 (Prerequisite – Art I 6)
- ___ FC7749 Boys Choir 7
- ___ FC7759 Girls Choir 7
- ___ FB7729 Band II 7
- ___ FO7829 Orchestra II 7
- ___ FT7939 Theatre Arts I 7
- ___ FT7999 Theatre Arts II 7 (Prerequisite – Theatre I 6)

OTHER:

- ___ NC7001 Contest Math (Pending Testing)
- ___ LS1433 Teen Leadership
- ___ FJ7899 Intro to Broadcasting
- ___ AV7111 AVID (Application and Interview required)
- ___ IL1111 Innovation Lab (Application and Interview required)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

- ___ CTE020 Investigating Careers

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

- ___ LC7011 Robotics & Engineering I

Has your course request information been entered into Skyward Family Access? ___Yes ___No

Skyward Family Access Link: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/170>

I have read the information on the back of this page regarding elective courses, Pre-AP courses, and high school level courses taken in middle school.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Grade 7 Course Selection Sheet

AVID - 7th Grade

Course Number: AV7111

Offered in: 7

Prerequisites: **Application and interview** with approval by a campus committee

The seventh grade AVID Elective course builds upon the components of the AVID philosophy. Students will refine goals, work on intrapersonal and interpersonal skills, as well as formal and informal speech. Students will complete evaluations related to reading, writing, organization, and speaking, and begin considering audience, purpose, and form in their writing. Students will understand the roles of all members in assignments and collaborative lessons and will expand their knowledge bases of note-taking, in relation to studying and test preparation. Students will be exposed to different field trips, guest speakers, and research, to increase their knowledge of college and career options.

Innovation Lab

Offered in: 7th & 8th grade

Level: On level

Prerequisites: **Applications**

The Innovation Lab is a class for students to explore the possibilities of true problem-based learning. Students will collaboratively select a problem or improvement for the school, the community, or even the world. They will:

- research current solutions
- learn from professionals in the field of the problems
- design new solutions tailored to their criteria
- present the findings to our shareholders

Students will be assessed on the process, not the product. Students will demonstrate what they have learned and what knowledge and skills they have mastered. Applications are available in the counselors' office and are due back no later than **Friday, February 21, 2020.**

Grade 7 Course Selection Sheet

Investigating Careers

Course Number: CTE020

Offered in: 7 – 8

Prerequisites: None

Students explore career options through hands on activities such as: Computer applications, solid engine rocket assembly and woodwork.

Robotics & Engineering I

Course Number: LC7011 (7th or 8th)

Offered in: 7 – 8

Robotics & Engineering I offers students the opportunity to study concepts in a problem-based, hands-on environment. Utilizing engineering design, students will study the following concepts: engineering, physics, introductory robotics, coding, animation, green energy, gearing, electricity, and flight & space exploration.

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Teen Leadership

Course Number: LS1433

Offered in: 7–8

This course is a leadership class based on M. I. Flippen's "Capturing Kids' Hearts." The course focuses on leadership skills, conflict resolution, tolerance, and communication skills.

Intro to Broadcasting

Course Number: FJ7899, FJ8899

Offered in: 7–8

This course will produce an in-school video/audio communication program. Students will be introduced to creating, editing, and directing videos for school-wide communications. Students also learn --- Photography and Film Techniques, Podcasting, Speaking, and Teamwork/Collaboration, Photoshop, iMovie, WeVideo, Adobe Spark, and PowerPoint

Contest Math

Course Number: NC6001, NC7001, NC8004

Offered in: 6–8

Prerequisites: Testing Required

This elective course is designed as an opportunity for students in middle school, with an interest in mathematics competition.

Grade 8 Course Selection Sheet

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Students should select their level of choice for core courses.

Please make selections carefully. If a student should need a level change, many of the scheduled classes could change.

A full year of PE is required for all 8th grade students. Students may select Kickstart if they took Kickstart as a 7th grader.

Advisory:

ID Number

Name:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Street Address:

Phone #:

City:

Zip:

Parent/Guardian2:

Telephone:

Phone #:

Birthdate:

Gender:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Required courses: Select an English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, & Advisory. Students will be placed in core classes based on individual needs.

ELA: <input type="checkbox"/> EL8211 ELA 8 <input type="checkbox"/> EL8011 ELA 8 Pre AP	MATH: <input type="checkbox"/> MA8211 Math 8 <input type="checkbox"/> MA211 Algebra I Pre AP <input type="checkbox"/> MA221 Geometry Pre AP	SCIENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> SC8211 Science 8 <input type="checkbox"/> SC8111 Science 8 Pre AP	SOCIAL STUDIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SS8211 US History <input type="checkbox"/> SS8111 US History Pre AP
PE: <input type="checkbox"/> PH8669 Regular PE <input type="checkbox"/> PH8670 Kickstart (Prerequisites – Kickstart 6 and 7)			ADVISORY: <input type="checkbox"/> NC0800 Advisory 8

Grade 8 Course Selection Sheet

Electives: Number elective choices in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Use all five numbers. Spaces in electives are limited. A reading or math skills class may be assigned in place of an elective if 7th grade STAAR scores and/or Core Subject grades indicate a need for extra support.

Please refer to the Course Guide for a description of the Elective Courses.

The only electives offered at FSMS are listed on this sheet.

There is a \$75 fee for Robotics & Engineering I.

Please number electives in order of preference. Please list five.

Both student and parent signatures are required on the sheets.

What Grade 6 Elective did you take? _____ What Grade 7 Elective(s) did you take? _____

FINE ARTS:

- ____ FA7869 Art 8
- ____ FA7879 Art II 8 (Prerequisite – Art I)
- ____ FA8679 Art III 8 (Prerequisites – Art I & II)
- ____ FC8749 Boys Choir 8
- ____ FC8779 Girls Choir 8
- ____ FB8739 Band III 8
- ____ FO8839 Orchestra III 8
- ____ FT7939 Theatre Arts I 8
- ____ FT7999 Theatre Arts II 8 (Prerequisite – Theatre I)
- ____ FT8809 Theatre Arts III 8 (Prerequisites – Theatre I & II)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

- ____ CTE020 Investigating Careers
- ____ CST010 Principles of Applied Engineering
(1 High School Credit – Regular Level)

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

- ____ LC7011 Robotics & Engineering I
- ____ LC8012 Robotics & Engineering II
(Prerequisite: Robotics & Engineering I)
- ____ CST280 Fundamentals of Computer Science
(1 High School Credit – Regular Level)

WORLD LANGUAGE:

- ____ FL112 Spanish I *
(1 High School Credit – Regular Level)
*ELA Teacher Recommendation: _____
- ____ FL1021, FL1022 Spanish for Spanish Speakers **
(2 High School Credits – Regular Level)
**Prerequisites: Screened for oral and written proficiency in Spanish

OTHER:

- ____ LS1433 Teen Leadership
- ____ NC8979 PALS - Peer Assistance and Leadership
(Application and Interview required)
- ____ NC8969 Office Work (Pending Approval)
- ____ NC8004 Contest Math (Pending Testing)
- ____ AV8111 AVID 8 (Prerequisite AVID 7)
- ____ IL1111 Innovation Lab (Application and Interview required)
- ____ FJ7899 Intro to Broadcasting
- ____ FJ8899 Broadcasting (Prerequisite – 7th gr Intro to Broadcasting)
- ____ FJ8877 Journalism
Teacher Initials _____

Has your course request information been entered into Skyward Family Access? ____ Yes ____ No

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Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Courses Requiring Approval

- **Intro to Broadcasting** (teacher recommendation required)
- **Journalism** (students must get Mrs. Miller's signature on sheet)
- **Peer Assistance & Leadership (PALS)** (Application and interview with approval by a campus committee)
Applications are due March 6.
- **Innovation Lab** – (application and interview)
- **Office Work** (faculty recommendations)
- **AVID — 8th Grade** -- Application and interview with approval by a campus committee
- **Spanish I** – (ELA proficiency required)
- **Spanish for Spanish Speakers** (screening test required)

High School Credit Courses

- **Fundamentals of Computer Science**

High School Credits: 1

Prerequisites: Basic computer skills recommended

- **Spanish I**

High School Credits: 1

This course is conducted in the target language as much as possible.

- **Spanish for Spanish Speakers**

High School Credits: 2

- **Prerequisites:** Screened for oral and written proficiency in Spanish. Apply through counselor.

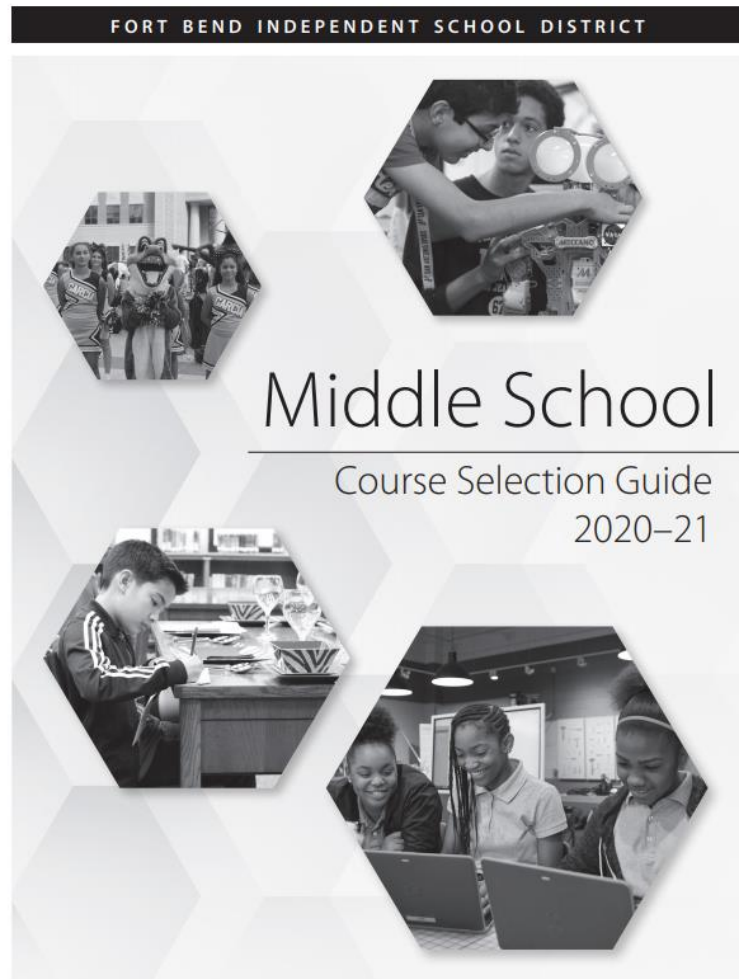
- Students who are heritage or native speakers of Spanish may receive credit for Spanish I and II upon successful completion of this course in one year.

- **Principles of Applied Engineering**

High School Credits: 1

Engineering and design related course

Middle School Course Selection Guide



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Frequently asked questions

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Quick Links

Fort Settlement Webpage <https://www.fortbendisd.com/fsms>

Fort Settlement Counselors' Webpage <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2976>

Credit By Exam <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296>

Off Campus PE <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/96272>

Middle School Course Guide

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/Domain/74/2020%2021%20Middle%20School%20Course%20Selection%20Guide-01-31-2020.pdf>

QUESTIONS



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